



# CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **EMERGENCY REPAIRS SET FOR INTERSTATE 15 TO DAMAGED SLOPE**

**TEMECULA** - The California Department of Transportation has scheduled emergency repairs to a one-half mile stretch of Interstate 15 just south of Temecula. Repairs will begin tonight as crews from Lake Forest-based SEMA Construction begin work to close the number four lane (outside lane) on the northbound I-15. The closure will last just over a month from tonight until Feb. 28.

The recent storms caused a break in a drainage pipe that services the roadway. Stretching about 600 feet across all lanes under the freeway, the damaged drain, measuring seven and one-half feet in diameter, will be repaired while the nearby slope will be backfilled and stabilized before the freeway can be reopened. The repair costs are estimated at \$2 million.

SEMA will erect flashing signs to alert motorists of the closure, which begins about 2 miles north of the Riverside/San Diego border and stretches for .6 of a mile. There will be three northbound lanes available to motorists during the construction period.

Caltrans advises to exercise extreme caution when driving around closed areas. Please call the "Road Conditions Hotline" at (800) 427-7623 or Public Affairs at (909) 383-4631. You may also check road conditions on our Web site at [www.dot.ca.gov/dist8](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8).

Remember to always ***Slow Down, Stay Alert, AND SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.***

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